A

DECLARATION

TO THE

City and Kingdome,

FROM

{Major Generall *Massey*, / Sir *William Waller*, / Colonell *Birch*,} {*And the rest rest of the* / *Impeached Members* / *of* Parliament;}

CONCERNING

The proceedings of the Lord Generall *Fairfax*, and the Army; and their Protestation to the people of *England*, touching the Parliament.

ALSO,

Major Generall *Browns* Declaration and Speech, to the Lord Generall *Fairfax*, touching the King, the Prince of *Wales*, the Duke of *York*, the *Parliament*, *City*, and *Kingdome*.

AND

The Declaration of his Excellency the Lord Generall, to the Kingdom of *England*, and his Resolution thereupon.

LIKEWISE,

A new Covenant and Agreement from the Army, to be tendered to all free born English-men, throughout the City of *London*, and the respective Counties within the Kingdom of *England*.

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FROM

[Major Generall *Maſſey*, Sir *William Waller*, Commiſſary *Copley*, and the reſt of the impeached Members, concerning the proceedings of the Army.

Fellow-Commouers, and Countrey-men,

WHereas, there hath been lately a moſt high attempt and violation put upon the Houſe of Commons, by the Army, under the Command of *Thomas* Lord *Fairfax*; Therefore, We, whoſe names are hereunto ſubſcribed, being Members thereof, and Freeborn ſubjects of the Realm of *England*, Doe hereby Declare, and proteſt, in the preſence of the Almighty Jehovah of Heaven, That the Generall and Officers of the Army, being raiſed by the authority of Par-

liament, and for defence and maintenance of the priviledges thereof; have not power or jurisdiction to apprehend, secure, detein, imprison, or remove our persons from place to place by any colour or authority whatsoever; nor yet to question or try us, or any of us by Martiall Law, or otherwise, for any offence or crime whatsoever; nor yet to question or try us, or any of us by Martiall Law, or otherwise, for any offence or crime whatsoever, which can or shall be objected against us; And that the present imprisonment and removal of our persons is a high violation of the rights and priviledges of Parliament, and of the fundamentall Lawes of the Land, and a higher usurpation and exercise of an arbytrary and unlawfull power, then hath been heretofore pretended to, or attempted by this, of any King, or other power whatsoever, within this Realm; notwithstanding which, wee and every of us do declare our readiness to submit our selvs to the lawfull tryall of a free Parliament, for any crime or misdemeanour that can or shall bee objected against Us.

Subscribed, *Edward Massey*, *William Waller*, *Thomas Birch.*

Major Gen. Browns *Speech to the Lord Gen.* Fairfax.

TO be your prisoner, is by much the lesse displeasing to me, for that my Accusation is for nothing else but Loyalty to the King and Parliament, and the indeavours which I have undertaken to prevent the subversion of his Majesty, and his posterity, Parliament, City, and Kingdom, the final losse of Common right and freedom of all the subjects of Engla*nd, the utter extirpation of all Law, Government and Religion, and the preposterous converting of our well regulated Monarchy into that monstrous conception, a Military, Anarchy, with a popular parliament*

liament of the meaneſt of the Commons, and ſuch alſo of them only, as ſhal be conſtantli at the beck of the Army.

His Excellencies Declaration.

WHereas, in the adventuring of our lives and bloud, we have ſought nothing more then the proſperity of this Kingdom, and the eſtabliſhiug of Juſtice and Righteouſneſſe in the Land; ſo there is nothing that wee more abhor then thoſe wicked calumnies, that we ſhould invade the propriety of any not wilfully making themſelves, or do any thing any way, to hinder or obſtruct that Trade and Commerce by which this Kingdom doth moſt ſubſiſt and flouriſh: But that we ſhal, in a moſt ſpecial manner, protect, defend, encourage and maintain, in all juſt ways, all manner of Trade and Commerce, either by Engliſh or Strangers: and that we ſhall neither do, nor ſuffer to be done, as far as is in our power, any violence or injury, to the perſons or goods of any, either by Sea or Land.

The Deſires of the Souldiery to their General.

Whereas it hath pleaſed the Lord of Hoſts to write his name upon your Sword in very legible characters, as appears upon record twice, *viz.* in the year --45, where wee had 114 Victories, and now this laſt Summer above 30, even to our aſtoniſhment, who were uſed by you in that ſervice, that thoſe proud Billows in *Wales*, *England*, & *Scotland*, have bin bounded and calmed, in leſſe then ſix months, yet behold, we have our ſorrows repeated, and our fears increaſed, making our wounds even to bleed afreſh.

Wherefore, we deſire, in the name of our ſelves, and the abuſed and betrayed people of *England*, that your Excellency will be pleaſed to aſſiſt us, in theſe enſuing requeſts and groans of our ſoules, which may not long be denyed us, leſt we faint or ſtruggle as we can, for the life of good men, and a good Cauſe.

1. That justice may suddenly and equally be dispensed, according to the desires of our honoured friends in *London*, *Liecester-shire*, and others manifested by their severall Petitions, and the Parliaments Declaration concerning the Kings evill asserted, or bewayled, and repented of.

2 That your Army be instantly reckoned withall, & paid and so dealt with for future (if they must be used) that every Reg. may know their own country, & there receive their pay immediatly, without any other Treasurers or wayes of trouble, that so the people themselves may see what they have for their money. In this we are imparient, or so passionately affected, that we gasp for help: this Regiment hath had but one moneths pay since *May*, having marched 1305 miles this Summer.

3 That the people may know in print, with all speed, which way all publike monies are disposed of in all counties and places, and that of all kinds, which may be done, if every collector and receiver of mony be forthwith enjoyned to print their receipts and disbursments; for if the souldiers be not paid, the people ask whats become of the Revenue, Compositions, Sequestrations, Excise, Lands, &c.

4 That we may have just and righteous Government setled in this Nation, advancing Godlines, we abhorring Anarchy, Confusion, and levelling mens estates; so often charged upon us: for which end, we desire these two things, in pursuance of which (by help from Heaven) we are resolved to venture all.

First that the grand and capital enemies, may without delay, be brought to Justice, which is the maine root of our misery, we finding all other wayes attempted, altogether invalid to carry on this work of common safety.

Secondly, for the dispatch of Justice upon all Delinquents for

for rectifying all crooked things among us, & for the good of us, and the Generations to come, we humbly conceive our last and surest way will be for your Excellency and this army, to make a speedy offer to the Commons house in your name and the Armies, and in the behalf of all *England*, that such of them as have been faithfull to the Kingdomes interest, to declare with you and the Nation; and that the contrary minded, false, royal, and neutral party may know, that our enemies must not be our rulers, we professing, that good men, rather then good laws must save us, though we disjoyn them not. And if any shal object, we put violence upon authority, we hereby proclaim to the world, that neither your Excellency, nor our selves, have received Cōmissions from the parliament now constituted, but from that good party in it, who struggled through many hazards to model this army for the kingdoms safety; nor are we to attend forms & customs in this extremity; we can as willingly sit down as march, suffer, as act, would but the godly party in the Kingdom cal us thereunto, and think themselves preserved by it.

But the people call to us for these things, and we to your Excellency, your known worth inviting us hereunto: in prosecution of which, as an unparallel'd instrument, we shall live or die with your Excellency, having solemnly promised, to attempt and attend these two last expedients through all hazard. We cannot so undervalue our God, and the rich experienre we have had in the behalf of this Nation, as to see them lie (like *Issachar*) under these sinful burdens, our *colds nakednesse, want hunger, hardship, difficulties, dangers*, out of which our blessed, and ever to be praised God hath brought us, suggesting these things unto us, for that flock of slaughter in this Kingdome.

Sir, we can die, but not endure to see our Mother England *die before us.*

A new Breviate for the Agreement of the people.

1 That to prevent the many inconveniences apparently arising from the long continuance of the same persons in authority, this present Parl. be dissolved upon or before the last day of *April*, in the year of our Lord, 1649.

2 That the people of England being at this day very unequally distributed, by Counties, Cities, or Burroughs, for the election of their Representatives, be more indifferently proportioned, and to this end, that the Representative of the whole Nation, shall consist of 300. persons.

3 That 150 members at least be always present in each sitting of the Representatives, at the lost passing of any Law, or doing of any Act whereby the people are to be bound

4 That the power of the peoples Representatives extend to the enacting, altering repealing, and declaring of Lawes; to the erecting and abolishing Officers of Courts of Justice; and to whatsoever is not in this agreement excepted or reserved from them.

Lastly and particularly, we do not empower our Representatives, to continue in force or make any Law, Oaths or Covenants, whereby to compell by penalties or otherwise, any person any to any thing, in or about matters of faith, religion, or Gods Worship, or to restrain any person from professing his faith, or exercise of Religion, according to his conscience, in any place or house whatsoever.

THE END.